In re Application of:

NOBUKO YAMAMOTO, et al.

Application No.: 09/942,596

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: METHOD FOR ANALYZING BASE

SEQUENCE OF NUCLEIC ACID

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment and Statement of Substance of Interview in the above-identified application.

Docket No. 03500.015718.

Examiner: Jeffrey N. Fredman

Group Art Unit: 1637

Date: April 3, 2007

(35.C15718)

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INDEP. CLAIMS	* 2	MINUS	***	0	x \$100 \$200	\$0	
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X	A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) fee is enclosed.					
	A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.					
X	Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.					
	Respectfully submitted,					
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application, for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, in further response to the final Office Action dated August 1, 2006, in connection with which a timely Notice of Appeal was filed and received on February 6, 2007, and in view of the Advisory Action dated January 30, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: